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AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION WO044545USA As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: LOAD DISTRIBUTING METHOD, NODE, AND CONTROL PROGRAM the specification of which is attached hereto, unless the following box is checked: was filed on January 7, 2005 as United States patent Application Number or PCT International patent application number PCT/IP2005/000139 and was amended on \_ I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or United States provisional application(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: Prior Foreign or Provisional Application(s) PRIORITY CLAIMED COUNTRY APPLICATION NUMBER DATE OF FILING (day, month, year) UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119 2004-004545 9, January, 2004 Japan  $\boxtimes$ YES □NO 2004-260245 7, September, 2004 Japan □NO 5, January, 2005 Japan 2005-000997 □NO Thereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, \$120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, \$112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, \$1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application. UNITED STATES
APPLICATION NUMBER DATE OF FILING STATUS (patented, pending, abandoned) (day, month, year) I hereby appoint customer no. 32172, DICKSTEIN, SHAPIRO, MORIN & OSHINSKY, LLP, as attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to transact all business in the Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith and to receive all correspondence. SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO: DICKSTEIN, SHAPIRO, MORIN & OSHINSKY, LLP DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO: (212) 835-1400 1177 Avenue of the Americas, 41st Floor New York, NY 10036-2714 In the event that the filing date and/or Application No. are not entered above at the time I execute this document, and if such information is deemed necessary, I hereby authorize and request my attorneys/agent(s) to insert above the filing date and/or Application No. of said application. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. FULL NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE DATE Tsuneo NAKATA RESIDENCE (City and either State or Foreign Country) COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP Tokyo, Japan JPK Japan POST OFFICE ADDRESS c/o NEC Corporation, 7-1, Shiba 5-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan FULL NAME OF SECOND JOINT INVENTOR (IF ANY) INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE DATE Yuusuke NOGUCHI COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP RESIDENCE (City and either State or Foreign Country) Tokyo, Japan JPX Japan POST OFFICE ADDRESS c/o NEC Corporation, 7-1, Shiba 5-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

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